

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Only Twelve More Days Till Christmas

By "Hop"



WHAT ELY MEETING MEANS FOR TONOPAH

Editor of the Bonanza. Sir:—It occurs to me, in reading the notices you have put in your paper in reference to the meeting of the Automobile association to be held at Ely on the 18th, that probably your readers are not aware of the importance of this meeting and what it may mean to Tonopah. I thought it might be well to call your attention to some of the facts and impose on your generosity in giving publicity to such items as you may deem of interest.

In the first place, this meeting has other important business besides the regular election of officers for the ensuing year, in trying to bring together the different towns in the state and get them to realize the importance of improving the conditions for the automobile tourists. Goldfield assures us they will send at least four cars. Remember the tourist may travel hundreds of miles and be unable to remember much in detail of his trip if the conditions are good, or even fair, but when he passes over a poor road the fact is impressed upon his mind and remains, and is naturally passed along to others by him.

As the other parts of the road are being improved, it is certainly of importance that we bring our roads up

to a better standard. There is no better way to start the improvement of roads than to educate our people to the necessity of it and the benefits to be derived therefrom. It is the first step in obtaining the necessary funds or assistance to accomplish this object.

This meeting, aside from being the annual meeting, we hope to have general enough to meet this object. Therefore we hope that not only the owners of automobiles, but those public spirited citizens who realize the advantage of good roads, particularly when those good roads pass through our town, will co-operate and make an effort to be present at the meeting and assist the good work.

In all probability, Inyo county will have a representation there, even though they have not been members of our association before, but we are in hopes that the California State association will waive jurisdiction in this instance and allow them to join with us on account of their club being located so close to our line.

This year the Tioga Pass was not opened until it was so late that most of the transcontinental travel had already reached the coast, but reports now received are to the effect that it

is in excellent condition. Next year the supply points will be improved and it will probably be the most popular route to San Francisco from eastern points.

The Tioga Pass has many inducements for the tourist, one of the principal ones being that it is over eighty miles shorter to San Francisco from Ely than any other route, and it passes through a part of the country unsurpassed for scenic advantages. It

also has accommodations at stopping points as well as supply points located close enough together so as to be convenient for the tourist. The saving of eighty miles should work out as a saving of about one day in time between these points.

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